

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 271  
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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the Tennessee Kappa chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin upon the tenth anniversary of their colonization.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for members of this General Assembly to hold up and praise those organizations which create an atmosphere of respect for education, discipline, hard work, and community service; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Kappa chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity is one such organization, which was colonized at the University of Tennessee at Martin on March 7, 1993; and

WHEREAS, during their time at the University of Tennessee at Martin, the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon have contributed to the campus environment with their relentless drive to be different from other fraternities; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Kappa chapter has striven to abolish stereotypes that are commonly held about collegiate social fraternities and to create a new image of the fraternity

system at the University of Tennessee at Martin; the brothers have endeavored to create an atmosphere of diversity by recruiting young men regardless of race or religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, through their membership and goals, the brothers of Tennessee Kappa have demonstrated an unyielding commitment to the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity has been committed to being involved with every campus event, in some cases being the only fraternity to participate; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Kappa chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is known for organizing or participating in numerous charitable activities such as the Community Developmental Services Annual Field Day, the Community Developmental Services Valentine's Day Dance, the Zeta Tau Alpha Easter Egg Hunt, the Youth Villages Christmas Party in Dyersburg, and roadside clean-ups in and around the city of Martin; and

WHEREAS, the brothers of the Tennessee Kappa chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon are noted for being involved with various organizations on campus; among these are the Student Government Association, the student newspaper, the Office of Campus Recreation, the Paul Meek Library, the Boling University Center, and the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the brothers of the Tennessee Kappa chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon are also known for working for the University as Student Ambassadors, who show prospective students the beauty of the University of Tennessee at Martin, and as members of PEP groups, which orient freshmen to the university; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Kappa chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon sponsors three Balanced Man Scholarships every year for incoming freshmen, enabling truly outstanding, new students to pay for their college education; and

WHEREAS, ever aware of the utmost importance of a good education, the Tennessee Kappa chapter was the first fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin to achieve a 3.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, this chapter has twice earned the Chancellor's Cup, which is given to the top chapter in grades on campus; and

WHEREAS, they have also achieved recognition by the national Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity for seven consecutive years by being placed on the Dean's List, an award which is reserved for those chapters who are in the top twenty-five percent of grades on their respective campuses; and

WHEREAS, their academic achievements also include being placed on the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse, an honor given only to those chapters earning a semester grade point average of at least 3.15; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Kappa chapter has been awarded the Excelsior Cup by the national fraternity for its excellence in recruitment of new members, as well as the Buchanan Cup, an award given only to the most outstanding Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the brothers of Tennessee Kappa have won numerous awards from student activities, including first place in UT-Martin Greek Week for five of the last six years, first place in the Homecoming competition for five of the last eight years, and Best of Show in the Phi Sig Follies for the past three years, and they were the first fraternity in forty-one years to win Best of Show in All-Sing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the Tennessee Kappa chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin for its commitment to making its campus a better place to learn and to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the brothers of Tennessee Kappa are to be praised for their never-ending pursuit of their cardinal principles: virtue, diligence, and brotherly love.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commemorate the Tennessee Kappa chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon on the tenth anniversary of the chapter, and congratulate the members on their immense success in such a small amount of time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.